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FISHERY UPDATE



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SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #9

Yesterday the Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery was opened in the northwest portion of Sitka Sound that included waters of Hayward Strait, Promisla Bay, and Eastern Bay north of 57°06.02' N. latitude, south of 57°10.01' N. latitude, and west of a line from the northernmost tip of Crow Island to the northernmost tip of the Siginaka Island group to the Krestof Island shoreline. The fishery opened at 2:30 p.m. and closed at 5:56 p.m. The preliminary harvest estimate is 4,700 tons. No fishery is planned for today.

During yesterday's aerial survey a total of 1.4 nautical miles of active spawn was recorded on Middle Island and Crow Island. Today the department will be conducting aerial and vessel surveys to continue monitoring the distribution of herring and the progress of the spawn.

Updates will be posted on the ADF&G web site listed below, and on a recorded message phone at (907) 747-1009.

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